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POVERTY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have any proposal to generate employment and eradicate poverty in the rural areas in the KBK districts;

(b) If so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the details of the target set for generating employment and eradicating of poverty in those districts ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Various employment generating schemes including the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarrozgar Yojana (SGSY) are in operation in the KBK districts . The Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana has been launched and will be operational from 1.4.2002. This scheme will replace the EAS and JGSY. Further ,the Additional Central Assistance allocated for the KBK districts is used forvarious schemes such as afforestation , watershed development , etc, which have a direct impact on the generation of wage employment opportunities for the rural poor in these districts. In addition, the State Government have dovetailed thefood grains received from the Government of India with various programmes under rural employment sectors as well as various components of the Revised Long Term Action Plan in order to increase the number of labour intensive works in these districts.

(c): The State Government has a physical target of generating 58.75 lakhperson days of employment under JGSY and 37.83 lakh person days under EAS in addition to providing employment to 12,191 Swarozgaris under SGSY.No specific targets have been prescribed for eradication of poverty.